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Milos® Federative Service to utilize Bureau International des Containers (BIC) databases for a European initiative benefiting stakeholders throughout the Supply Chain.

The initiative will be a focus of one of the Pilot projects coordinated by Circle within the European project FENIX - A European Federated Network of Information eXchange in LogistiXStudy.

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CIRCLE Group, specialists in the analysis and development of innovation and digitalization solutions for port and intermodal logistics and headed by **Circle S.p.A.**, will utilize the BIC databases in its Milos® offering, providing efficient data delivery to participants in the supply chain.

The initiative is part of a Pilot project within' European project **FENIX - A European Federated Network of Information eXchange in LogistiXStudy** (coordinated by ERTICO at the European level and by the Ministry of infrastructure and transport as recipient through TTS Italia at a national level), which concerns data exchange among all players involved in the Trade Lane.

BIC, a non-profit organization providing registration services and databases for the container industry, has joined FENIX as a member of the Stakeholder Group with the aim of facilitating the development of federated platforms through use of its longstanding core databases. These include the **BIC Code Register**, published since 1970 and listing all owners and operators of containers in international trade; the **BoxTech Global Container Database**, which provides the technical details of containers (including container tare weights for SOLAS VGM declarations), and the recently re-launched, API-accessible **BIC Facility Code Database**, which provides a harmonized identification code for over 15,000 container facilities worldwide. Also key to the project is the **C.I.S.Co. Italian Depots Database**, which will be transformed into a dynamic directory that can be updated directly by the Italian depots.

As explained by **Luca Abatello, President & CEO** at Circle: *“Circle’s role is to coordinate with our experience the interfacing of databases of Italian service providers and global*

container players through **Milos®** solution, which represents the contact point among all players of the Supply Chain: MTOs, freight forwarders, inland and maritime terminal, and the shipping company”.

“The BIC is pleased to be working with Circle on the project, and we look forward to discovering how the BIC-operated databases and APIs will assist the Circle platform in streamlining the flow of data between stakeholders, as well as speeding the flow of containers through the corridor” noted **Giordano Bruno Guerrini, Chairman of the Board of BIC.**

Previous pilot projects concerned data exchange among all players involved in the Trade Lane and the interoperability of information systems of ports of La Spezia and Casablanca with the involvement of Tarros; and of terminals in Genoa (IMT) and Alexandria with the involvement of Ignazio Messina & C.

About CIRCLE Group

CIRCLE Group is specialized in the analysis and development of **innovation and digitalization solutions for the port and intermodal logistics sectors** headed by **Circle S.p.A.**, Innovative SME listed on the **AIM Italia market** of Borsa Italiana since 2018, October 26th (alphanumeric code: CIRC; ISIN code for ordinary shares: IT. 0005344996).

Besides Circle, belong to the Group software houses **Info.era** and **Progetto Adele**, purchased respectively at the end of 2017 and in July 2019.

Synergies between Circle, Info.era and Progetto Adele allowed the Group to expand the portfolio of solutions offered in the fields of IoT, Optimisation, Digital Twin, Big Data and Process Automation, and to strengthen its software products: **Milos®** - the suite for all players of intermodal logistics such as inland terminals, port terminals, ports, MTOs and shipping agencies -, Port Community System **Sinfomar**, **Master SPED®** and **Master TRADE®** solutions - respectively dedicated to shipping and logistics, and to commerce and industry.

Lastly, with **Circle Connecting EU**, Circle supports Public Entities and Companies by identifying their positioning at European level (**EU Branding**) and funding opportunities (**Project Anticipation**). The joint venture agreement, announced on November 30th, 2020 with **Magellan**, Portuguese entity delivering advocacy services towards the European Institutions, will enable Circle to expand its international geography in the Iberian Peninsula, strengthen its presence in Brussels and take maximum advantages from opportunities related to **Next Generation EU Recovery Fund**.



About the BIC

Founded under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce in 1933 as a neutral, non-profit, international organization, the BIC today has over 2500 members in 130 countries. The BIC has played an important role in the growth of containerization, with its long-established and active role in the development and maintenance of industry standards. Publisher of the BIC Code Register since 1970, the BIC has been the industry's global container prefix registry for over 50 years. Since 2013 the BIC has also operated the Global ACEP Database under the guidance of the IMO. In 2016, the BIC launched the BoxTech Global Container Database (bic-boxtech.org) to help improve efficiency and safety in the supply chain, and to help simplify compliance with SOLAS container weight reporting requirements. The BIC also operates the BIC Facility Code database and in 2020 launched a joint BIC-SMDG API, providing both BIC Facility Codes and SMDG terminal codes, uniquely identifying over 15,000 container facilities and ocean terminals in the world. The BIC holds official observer status as an NGO at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the World Customs Organization (WCO), and the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and works closely with the ISO and other standards organizations.

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